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Production of Vegetables and Fruits
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes regarding production and marketing of vegetables and fruits in country;

(b) the quantum of vegetables and fruits produced in the country during the last two years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for processing of perishable items being produced in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented during XII Plan w.e.f. 2014-15, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo. The Mission envisages production and productivity improvement of horticulture crops including fruits and vegetables through various interventions. Scheme also envisages creation of infrastructure for post harvest management (PHM) and marketing for better price realization of produce.

In addition to this, Vegetable Initiative for Urban Clusters (VIUC) a sub-scheme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was launched during 2012-13 to provide quality vegetables at competitive prices.

(b): State-wise production of vegetables and fruits in the country during the last two years is at Annexure I.

(c): MIDH is being implemented for holistic development of horticulture which includes Post Harvest Management (PHM), Processing and Marketing. Under the Mission, assistance is available for primary processing @35-50% of maximum cost of Rs. 25.00 lakh. For processing unit @ 50% of cost for maximum cost of Rs. 800.00 lakh in the North Eastern and Himalayan states.